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West Hongkong

October 8th,

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Visit to lawyer's residence by armed men

Sir,

Since the original report was made in this case, A/D.I. Zang Woo, D.S.I. Wong Poh Sun, and the undersigned have repeatedly endeavoured to obtain the letters written by the head magistrate of Kowloon Yuen to Leh Chi, see diary 2 page 1. Upon such visits and occasions Leh Chi has stated the letters were handed to a lawyer friend of his to show to authorities at 76 Jessfield Road as he suspected that they had sent the armed men to his home on 10-9-40. He has not and now cannot retrieve the letters.

As no communication has been received by Leh Chi or at his home since 14-9-40 it appears as though party or parties harassing him intend to leave him alone.

In view of the above the undersigned suggests no further observation be kept on the lane in which his home is situated and no further reports be forwarded unless Leh Chi or family make further report to the station.

D.D.O. "C".

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Visit to lawyer's residence by armed men.

At 9.30 a.m. 14-9-40, Loh Fee (陸飛), daughter of Loh Chi 23/774 Haining Road came to station and reported that at 9 a.m. 14-9-40 a telephone message came for her father who was absent from home. She answered the telephone and then handed the receiver to her mother Loh Loh Sz (陸陸氏). A male voice asked the mother the whereabouts of Loh Chi. She asked who wanted him and was told "The Army of the Western district". She then informed him he was not of the Army of the Western district and asked him to call at the house immediately. He said he would and rang off.

The daughter stated she would telephone the station should anyone call and did not desire police protection as grills on doors were closed and locked and no body could gain admittance.

Unknown to the Loh's family detectives have been posted at the entrance of the lane to keep premises under observation.

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11.9.1940

774/H1 Haining Road.  
Station Office.

Visit to lawyer's residence by armed men.

At 10 a.m. on 11.9.1940 Loh Chi (1224) again telephoned this station reporting that a male Chinese had been loitering outside his house, in lane 774 Haining Road, for 2 or 3 minutes and had just left.

D.S.I. Wong Feh Sung, C.D.S. 234 and the undersigned proceeded to the home of Loh Chi and from a neighbour, from house No. 17, Lane 774 Haining Road, named Ma Mai Sung (1224), recalled, ascertained at about 9.40 a.m. 11.9.1940 he observed a male Chinese age 30/32, height about 5'6", thin long face, thin build, wearing blue jacket and white pants, no hat, long hair brushed back, outside of house No. 23 Lane 774 Haining Road. He proceeded to tell Loh Chi and upon returning from the house of Loh Chi found the suspect had gone.

Loh Chi, after the undersigned warned him against any of his household opening entrances without enquiring who was requiring admittance, was brought to station and questioned by A/D.I. Tang Woe. He stated he was not connected with any political party but that the head magistrate of Shanghai had, about 2 weeks ago, asked him to recruit 20 bodyguards in Shanghai to send to Shanghai. He recruited 20 and they received a letter

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stating he was to wait further instructions. The letters will be obtained from him later. He thinks this may have aroused certain people's suspicions. He has been at 23/774 Haining Road for about 8 years and house is his own property. He has recently lost about \$40,000 to \$50,000 gambling in cotton and owes money locally to native banks. It is not suspected he will be assassinated as gang would have done that on 10.9.1940, but there is a possibility of him being kidnapped. He has removed to Frenchtown today and A/D.I. Sang Wee has his telephone No. He does not desire police protection. A/D.I. Sang Wee has known him for about 10 years and states he is smart and has recently joined some party but refuses to divulge that information.

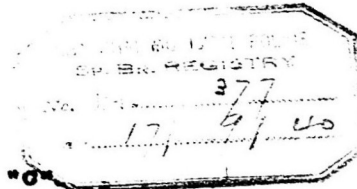
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West Hongkong

September 10, 40

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Visit to a lawyer's residence by armed men.

Sir,

At 8.25 p.m. 10-9-40, a party of Police under the officer in/c and the undersigned visited premises 774/21 Haining Road following the receipt of a telephone message from one Loh Chi (洛志), lawyer, residing therein, who reported that armed men were on his premises. On arrival of the Police party, it was learned that the armed intruders had already left.

Enquiries were instituted by C.D.C. 158, C.D.S. 89 and the undersigned and ascertained the following:-

At about 8.20 p.m. 10-9-40, a male Chinese, age about 22, wearing light grey foreign clothes, approached the lawyer's chauffeur, one Tang Sih Tung (陳錫棠), driving permit No. 15435, who was standing outside the front door, and asked him if Mr. Loh was in. He replied in the affirmative and took the caller to the downstairs side room. Before entering this room the stranger seized the chauffeur by the left arm. At the same time another male Chinese, age about 27, wearing grey dark pants, who had followed in together with a third man, age about 40, wearing grey foreign clothes, held the chauffeur by the other arm. The third man before entering the premises forced one Tang Sih Tung (陳錫棠), residing West Coast Road, who was playing

*\* See 88155*

*A Mr. Loh  
Chi was  
scheduled to be  
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with a boy outside the lawyer's residence, into same with a pistol. Both the chauffeur ~~and~~ the neighbours were then herded into the aforesaid side room following which the intruders having remained on the premises approximately two minutes, hurriedly departed.

The armed men were well-dressed and all spoke Shanghai dialect.

The complainant (the lawyer) returned home at 7 p.m. to-day and partook <sup>of his</sup> the evening meal with the other members of his family in an upstairs front room. Incidentally at the time when the armed men were on the premises, the complainant, not knowing their presence, shouted to an amah who was in the kitchen. The latter was however untouched by the gang. By this time, an old woman, residing next door, happened to pass the complainant's house and on seeing the door open without the inmates attending the downstairs room, shouted to the complainant if <sup>any</sup> nothing was wrong in his house.

It is highly probable that the entry made both by the complainant and the old woman may have frustrated probably a robbery or a murder.

The complainant is a lawyer by profession and is well known in the Chinese community. As suspected

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by detectives, the complainant states that there is no political angle behind the case, contending that he has no such connections in his life.

In company with the witnesses, detectives made an immediate search in the vicinity and nearby alleyways, but no trace of the gang was found.

On being asked, the complainant refused police being posted on duty at his residence. However C.P.Cs. on the beat will be instructed to be attentive to the premises in question.

Statements from all concerned have been taken and are attached herewith.

BBB<sup>11/9</sup>  
San. Det.

Ch. H. W.  
D. S. T.

D.D.C. "G".



Leh Chi, age 52, H/lawyer, residing 774/21  
Maining Road.

Quinsan

W.H.Stn.

10-9-40

translated Clerk Tuo.

Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on 7-9-40, three male Chinese, two in foreign dress and the other in Chinese clothes, called on me at my home and stated they wished to engage me to defend a case for them. The case turned out to be a criminal one, and I refused to take up same.

At 7 p.m. 10-9-40 I returned home and took our evening meal in an upstairs room. Our servants remained downstairs. We called them, and they failed to answer. At this time a female neighbour shouted if we were upstairs and that if any one <sup>had</sup> <sup>ed</sup> could enter our house. We became suspicious and proceeded downstairs to investigate. We then learned that a <sup>group of</sup> 6 or 7 men, led by one of the aforesaid three men, had entered the house and that they were intimidating our servants and neighbours with their pistols in the guest room (downstairs front room). We immediately telephoned the station. A party of police under D.S.I. Chu attended. When the police party arrived, the ~~car~~ had already left.

I have been a lawyer during the past 25 years and have no political connections. Nor is there any trouble.

Sd: Lawyer Leh Chi.

Zung Sih Yung, age 29, M/chauffeur, residing  
774/21 Maining Road.

Zanzhou

W.H. Stn.

10-9-40

translated Clerk Tao.

At 8.25 p.m. on 10-9-40 whilst standing outside the front door of above premises, I was approached by a male Chinese, age about 22, wearing foreign clothes, who asked me if Mr. Loh was in. I then replied in the affirmative and took him to a side. Having turned on the light and when I was about to enter the side room, the caller seized me by my left arm. At this time another male Chinese held my other arm. They warned me not to raise any alarm and herded me into the side room. They then hurriedly departed.

This is my true statement.

Sd: Zung Sih Yung.

Zien Poh Kung; age 38, M/epolic, residing  
574/17 Haining Road.

Shanghai

V.H. Stn.

10-9-40

translated Clerk Tao.

At 8.25 p.m. on 10-9-40 whilst was playing outside Mr. Loh Chi's house, when a stranger, wearing foreign dress, dragged me into Mr. Loh's house and later placed me in a side room. He also intimidated me with a pistol. He then left.

This is my true statement.

Sd: Zien Poh Kung.